



P.O. Box 4186
San Rafael
California 94913-4186

Phone: 415/499-6570
Fax: 415/499-3799

www.tam.ca.gov

Belvedere
Jerry Butler

Corte Madera
Melissa Gill

Fairfax
Lew Tremaine

Larkspur
Joan Lundstrom

Mill Valley
Dick Swanson

Novato
Pat Eklund

Ross
Jeanne Barr

San Anselmo
Peter Breen

San Rafael
Al Boro

Sausalito
Amy Belser

Tiburon
Alice Fredericks

County of Marin
Susan Adams
Hal Brown
Steve Kinsey
Charles McGlashan
Cynthia Murray

September 22, 2005

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Commissioners

FROM: Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director

RE: Highway 101 GAP Closure Projects – Status Report – Agenda Item 5.d

Dear Commissioners:

The following is a status report for the Highway 101 GAP Closure Projects:

Segment 2 – Corte Madera

- Widening work for southbound 101 and southbound on-ramp continues;
- Bikepath work scheduled for completion within the next several weeks;
- Soundwall work scheduled completion date - September 30, 2005; and
- Scheduled completion date entire project - essentially complete and open to traffic - October 31, 2005

Segment 3 – Central San Rafael

On August 18, 2005, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved the following funding for construction of the Central San Rafael segment of the Highway 101 GAP Closure project:

STIP	\$19,722,000
TCRP	\$12,249,000
SHOPP	\$11,450,000
Total	\$43,421,000

With the approval of these funds, combined with \$1,127,000 in previously approved CMAQ funds, this segment of the project is fully funded based on the current project cost estimate. Measure A funds in the amount of \$10,050,000 previously planned for the construction of this segment are not needed for this segment but will remain on the Hwy 101 Corridor for upcoming needs. The balance of the \$21,300,000 CMAQ funds currently programmed for this project will be re-programmed and used for Segment 4 – Puerto Suello Hill.

Per Caltrans, effective Order of Possession for all remaining parcels acquired for this project is December 4, 2005. Caltrans staff is working to clear the right of way in sufficient time to coincide with start of construction.

Making the Most of Marin County Transportation Dollars

F:\TAM\03. TAM BOARDS & COMMITTEES\03.01 TAM Board\03.01.03 Board Packets\September 22, 2005\05d TAM Board 101 report 22 Sept05.docF:\TAM\03. TAM BOARDS & COMMITTEES\03.01 TAM Board\03.01.03 Board Packets\September 22, 2005\05d TAM Board 101 report 22 Sept05.doc



The current construction schedule for this project is:

- Bid Advertisement – October 10, 2005
- Bid Opening – December 2005
- Start Construction – Late January/Early February 2006

TAM/Nolte Team staff are working with Caltrans to develop a public relations plan for the project.

Segment 4 – Puerto Suello Hill

TAM staff is proceeding on the public outreach and environmental clearance necessary to relocate the soundwall. Due to delays in the release of SMART'S Draft Environmental Document it is not expected that the soundwall relocation to the west side of the SMART tracks will be accomplished through this document as was previously reported. In order to meet the construction schedule of the project, TAM staff is proceeding on a relocation of the soundwall protecting residences from highway noise. This soundwall will coincidentally protect residences from train noise as well. CMAQ funds are being proposed to be used as the funding source for the cost of environmental clearance, re-design and increased construction costs, intended to be reimbursed by SMART in the future. An agreement between TAM and SMART is being developed.

The TAM Nolte Team continues the development of feasible alternatives for a bikepath from Mission north to Merrydale. Additional meetings have been held with the community members including Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC), City of San Rafael, SMART, and Caltrans to obtain their input. TAM/Nolte Team have been working on resolving technical issues associated with the various alternatives. Once these issues are resolved, the viable alternatives and associated costs will be presented to the Board. Preliminary Engineering, public outreach, and environmental clearance are being pursued by the team. Note there is a separate Board action this date to authorize an amendment to the Nolte contract to enable this work to continue.

Construction for this project is anticipated to start in January 2007.